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In the Application of	)	
OLAF KRUSE	)	Examiner: Thankh K. Truong
for: CONNECTION FOR ATTACHMENTS	)	Group Art Unit: 3721
ON A HAND-HELD MACHINE TOOL	)	
OPERATED BY AN INTERNAL	)	
COMBUSTION ENGINE, ESPECIALLY	)	
A MOTOR-DRIVEN CHAINSAW	)	Confirmation No.: 1796
Serial No.: 10/616,856	)	
Filed: July 9, 2003	)	Our Docket No.: 3663-0038

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) and  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2006, the time for response extending to May 2, 2006, and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the existing rejections in view of Applicant's amendments and remarks below.